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## Response to Amendment

1. The affidavit filed on December 29, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Gilmore '919 reference.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-19 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has filed an effective rule 131 to overcome the outstanding prior art rejection. An interference has not been declared because the examiner has determined the instant claims to not be obvious over the Gilmore claims, and vice versa. The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the rail mounting arrangement on an electrocoagulation as recited, with a means for moving the spacer plates between an open and closed position, which allows for easy cleaning, maintenance, or replacement.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank M. Lawrence whose telephone number is 571-272-1161. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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